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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

The following Amendment and Response is responsive to the Office Action dated June 16, 2003 for the above-identified patent application, a three (3) month response period for which was set for September 16, 2003. Filed concurrently with this Amendment and Response is a Petition for the Extension of Time, extending the response period to December 16, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

In response to the Office Action of June 16, 2003, kindly amend the